

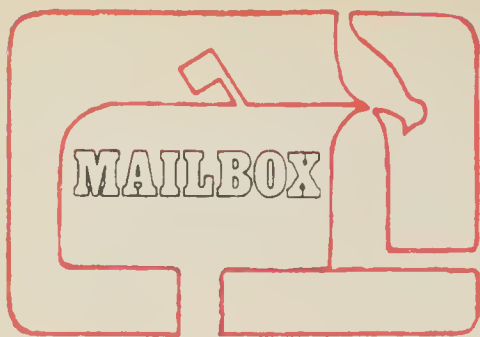
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E. Vance Pepper
Publisher
The Danbury Reporter
Danbury

"A Promise Kept"

Every time a new issue of *Carolina Country* arrives, I promise myself to write to its editor and commend him and his staff for the excellence of the magazine. Since 1975, the editor has steadily made improvements in appearance, content and purpose which compare with the prize-winning standards set by J. C. Brown Jr., when the magazine was known as *The Carolina Farmer*.

So, let this be a promise kept and ... an accolade long overdue.

Jim Chaney
Raleigh

Jim Chaney was editor of *Carolina Country* for eight years prior to his retirement in 1975.

"Wish I'd Thought of That"

Thanks for the beautiful full page coverage of our July Guild Fair. Your introduction, "It's All In The Hands," was great! Wish I'd thought of that. Also, the explanation of the photos is something we seldom get in other magazines.

You have always done a good job for us. It will be difficult to top what you have in the June, 1981, *Carolina Country*. We do appreciate your enthusiastic interest.

Robert W. Gray,
Director Emeritus, Southern
Highland Handicraft Guild
Asheville

"Very Much Impressed"

Enclosed is a personal check for a year's subscription to *Carolina*

Country. I was in the home of one of my friends recently and saw a copy of *Carolina Country*. I was very much impressed with its contents.

Mollie J. Cheek
Raleigh

"Mr. Blalock Is Right"

As a professional magazine reader, I always enjoy *Carolina Country*, which my wife receives with membership in the Union EMC.

In "Viewpoint" for July '81, we have an interesting piece concerning the tobacco industry.

Offhand, I cannot think of any other area of human endeavor which causes so much harm to humanity and is so zealously protected by laws, regulations, and politicians.

According to a recent story in the newspapers, the "right" to grow this cancer-causing crop is largely inherited and those whose forbears were planting tobacco when protectionist laws were enacted are the ones who continue to reap profits today. In many cases, the story relates, owners lease tobacco land to growers for as much as \$1,000 an acre per year.

It seems to me that if government is going to allow tobacco to be grown, it should discontinue all forms of support, subsidy, and regulation. If John Doe in Cumberland County wants to take his chances with a few acres of tobacco, let him. Let him plant as much as he wants. After a few seasons of overproduction, it might be more profitable to plant a more beneficial crop such as corn or cotton.

Mr. Blalock is right. Now is the time

to sit down and think about what has been wrought, and how people not dependent upon tobacco for a living can gain personal and economic independence. And, most importantly, be able to take justifiable pride in their work.

Linn E. J.
Rt. 3, Monro

"You Missed An Opportunity"

It was extremely interesting to read your article in Viewpoint "A Strong Warning for Tobacco Farmers" that our tobacco gross income exceeded the amount of income derived from wheat in Kansas, potatoes in Idaho, peanuts in Georgia. This is amazing to me and points out the importance of tobacco not only to the farmers of North Carolina but to all North Carolinians.

Therefore, it is more disturbing to me that after reading your entire article I could not find what you meant by the warning that there is a problem for tobacco farmers. The entire article talks about our precarious position in Washington and the problem with tobacco but nowhere does it address itself to what the problem is or give a suggestion of any ideas that might would help resolve the problem. If that sort of reporting to you is so disconcerting. We all know that tobacco has its problems because of health related concerns, etc.,. You missed an opportunity to speak on some of these issues and in addition left a lot of people questioning what you were really getting at.

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A Tale of Means and Ends

This editorial was written by Louis Strong, president of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, and is reprinted from that organization's monthly magazine, Rural Kentuckian.

It is the peculiar nature of life that it seems to be divided into two factors—the means by which we live and the ends for which we live. In the kind of world in which we live, to say we should not be concerned about the means by which we live would be foolish indeed. Many of this world's heartaches, ills, and unhappiness are the result of a lack of means by which we live, but surely, there is so a great deal of unhappiness that comes from seeking the wrong ends for which to live.

In America, we have made greater strides in improving the means by which we live than any generation that ever walked on the face of this earth. Statisticians say that a century ago, the average person had 72 wants of which 16 were regarded as necessities. Today, they say the average person has over 484 wants of which 94 are considered necessities. A century ago, 200 articles were urged upon a person by salesmanship; today there are over 35,000.

While we may have gone to extremes, I doubt if this is all bad. Surely, mankind was intended to always be reaching for something

higher and better. Surely, there is nothing wrong in seeking an easier, better, cheaper, more efficient way to do something, but we must not mistakenly believe that a person's greatest happiness and satisfaction come from improving the means of life rather than the ends for which we live.

If there is one kind of person who seems to be universally envied and admired in America, it is the person who "has it made." Any road or course of action that seems to offer this draws people like a magnet. Many of our decisions and actions are governed by this goal.

Yet a closer examination of those who are supposed to "have it made" reveals that this kind of success is often a cheat and a fraud. In the first place, it is often bought at a terrible price. Secondly, once achieved it is not what the person thought it would be. Thirdly, it usually becomes a severe taskmaster that leaves no place to hide from its demands.

Someone has said the life of every person is a diary in which we intend to write one story, but often write another, and our saddest hour often comes when we compare that diary as it is with what we would have had it be.



Slightly more than 100 years ago, the staff of the *Scientific American* demonstrated its keen foresight with these comments:

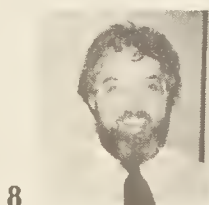
"If Mr. Edison wishes public faith in that electric light of his to remain steadfast, he will have to give an early demonstration of the truth of his claim that it is a practical success."

"When he first announced that he had solved the problem of dividing the light and of adapting it to domestic uses, there was a very general inclination to accept the story with absolute confidence, because Mr. Edison had proved by his previous inventions that he could achieve some things that had been regarded by other men as impossible."

"But, after all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the world, after waiting patiently for the public display of an invention that sent gas stocks down as soon as it was heralded, will be disposed, unless Mr. Edison shows his hand, to suspect that the Edison electric light and the Keely motor will have to be ranked together as enterprises, containing much more of promise than of performance."

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On Electric Co-ops

Interest Costs Have Substantial Impact

Small changes in interest rates can have large long-term effects on the cost of doing business for rural electric cooperatives even though the short-term impact may not appear significant, according to the authors of a study sponsored in part by the Rural Electrification Administration.

A draft paper by the Energy Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee reports that Reagan Administration proposals to increase interest rates on rural electric loans "could have a significant impact on the cooperatives' financing costs, and thus on the total operating costs of the system."

Ruth Maddigan, one of the authors of the paper, said that while the year-to-year impact of small increases in interest rates is barely noticeable, "the cumulative impact in 20 years could be substantial."

The draft paper, part of a larger effort to develop a demand forecasting model for REA, reported that if the rate of interest that co-ops paid for all current loans outstanding had been just 1% higher, co-op costs would have been higher by "between 0.5% and 12.5% depending upon the region examined."

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Increasing the interest rates on loans outstanding would never happen, of course, but Mrs. Maddigan said the exercise shows the long-term sensitivity of distribution to interest rate increases.

"Therefore, the decision made by Congress regarding the cooperative interest rates may have a significant impact on the cooperatives' costs, and thus on the prices they charge and the level of their demand," according to the draft.

It concludes: "With increasing fuel costs and the prospect of rapidly rising interest rates, the cooperatives may be entering a period of escalating prices. Although they manage small electric systems, the cooperatives' plan may be joining the rest of the utility industry in a period of lower demand growth as consumers respond to the higher prices."

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PBS Series Features Person County Garden

The garden of Marion and Charles Brackett of the Person County community of Timberlake is profiled on the Public Broadcasting Service TV series, "Victory Garden" which will be aired by North Carolina's Center for Public Broadcasting Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

The Bracketts are among the six semifinalists in the annual Victory Garden contest. The show's audience selects the winners.

Cover Art: A Watercolor Titled "Peaches 'n Cream"

This watercolor by Lyndall Pryor of Huntsville, Ala., offers a cooling reminder of one of summertime's most delightful pleasures: Homemade ice cream.

To complement this painting, we've pulled together a full page layout of highly-recommended recipes for homemade ice cream. It's on Page 17.

The watercolor was one of the award-winners in a 1980 June Dairy Month art contest sponsored by the American Dairy Association of Tennessee. The artist and her husband are both natives of Knoxville.

Association officials said the painting stirred so much interest that limited edition prints of it were prepared for sale. The 12-by-16-inch prints are available from the association for \$27 each plus \$1 for postage and handling. Write for them at the association's office at 2807 Foster Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37210.

We owe a word of thanks to the association for allowing our use of the painting on our cover.

In addition, we're also indebted to Don Davis, editor of *Dairymen News*, the publication of Dairymen, Inc., in Louisville, Ky., who arranged for us to use that magazine's color separations of the painting.

Albemarle EMC Gets REA Loan For Project

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, Hertford, has been awarded a \$901,000 loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to finance 70 percent of an expansion project.

The work will include service for 640 additional consumers, 23 miles of distribution line and various system improvements.

The remaining 30 percent of the project's financing will be obtained from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

When the project is completed, the EMC will be serving about 7,200 consumer-members over 870 miles of line in portions of five counties.

Directors Elected At EMC Annual Meetings

One newcomer and seven incumbents have been elected to the Boards of Directors of two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent EMC annual meetings:

- **Blue Ridge EMC**, Lenoir—G. C. Norris of Rt. 2, Boone, was elected to his first full term on the board, after having been appointed earlier this year to fill the seat left vacant by the retirement of Bert Mast of Zionville. Re-elected were P. C. Collins Jr. of Rt. 1, Laurel Springs; Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson and James McNeil of Rt. 1, Ferguson.

- **Piedmont EMC**, Hillsborough—Re-elected were Marvin L. Poythress of Rt. 5, Chapel Hill; H. J. Kinley, Jr. of Rt. 2, Mebane; H. B. Bailey of Rt. 5, Roxboro; and Elvin L. Bass of Rt. 2, Rougemont.

Raleigh Newspaper Cited

Raleigh's *News and Observer* has been named consumer Advocate of the Year by the N.C. Consumers Council. The annual award cited the newspaper for its "comprehensive stories on consumer alerts and the outstanding editorials supporting consumer interests, including the food tax."

Former State Senator Gets Top Honor

Former State Senator Ralph H. Scott of Haw River has been named a national winner in the 4-H alumni recognition program.

Scott, who served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 26 years, is one of eight former 4-H members to be honored this year.

Winners were selected by the Agricultural Extension Service which conducts the 4-H program nationally.

The winners will receive the coveted Gold Key Award during the 60th National 4-H Congress Nov. 29-Dec. 3 in Chicago, Ill. The awards are presented by Friends of National 4-H Council.

Scott was a 4-H member in Alamance County for three years during the early 1920s.

He has continued his interest in 4-H by serving on the Alamance County 4-H Long-Range Planning Committee and by personal encouragement to 4-H members.

A 1924 graduate of North Carolina State University, Scott serves as consultant to Melville Plastics.

Marshall Takes Seat On Alternative Energy Board

The manager of South River Electric Membership Corporation, Dunn has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation.

Marvin O. Marshall of Dunn was appointed to the state agency's board by North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supply operation of the statewide EMC organization.

He succeeds Cecil E. Viverette, retired executive vice president and general manager of Blue Ridge EMC Lenoir, who had served on the board for the past year.

The corporation was established in April, 1980, by the State Utilities Commission as a quasi-public corporation to develop alternative

energy sources, including solar, wind, wood, biomass and conservation.

It is financed entirely by the state's power suppliers with policies set by a 13-member board made up of seven directors representing the public and six representing the suppliers.

Marshall, who is vice president of the N.C. EMC board of directors, has been with South River EMC since 1968.

For six years prior to taking that post, he was North Carolina operations field representative for the Rural Electrification Administration.

Oxford Youth Named To National Board

Elizabeth Elaine Stem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stem of Rt. 1, Oxford, has been selected to serve on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Miss Stem was chosen to represent North Carolina on the national board during the 1981 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. in June.

See related coverage, Page 20.

The Youth Consulting Board is made up of young people from across the country who advise the national rural electric organization on youth and educational activities. The Board also promotes participation by young people in the rural electric program and works to educate youth on electric cooperatives and energy problems. As a Youth Consulting Board member, Miss Stem will travel to the RECA Annual Meeting in Atlanta in early 1982 to participate in board activities.

Miss Stem and her family are members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation, Wake

Forest, which sponsored her on the Youth Tour.

Four Foreign Visitors Study Lumbee River EMC

Four foreign visitors recently spent a week studying the operations of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, under a training program of the Department of Agriculture's Office of International Cooperation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The four, representing electric utilities in Egypt, Liberia and Yemen, visited the co-op as part of an intensive program to acquaint them with rural electrification in the U.S.

Nuclear Plant Emergency Plan Slated For Test

The state of North Carolina, in coordination with Brunswick and New Hanover Counties, will conduct an exercise to test the North Carolina Emergency Response Plan

in support of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant at Southport some time between August 10 and 21. The exact date of the exercise will not be announced in advance.

The exercise will provide disaster operations training in gathering and analyzing information, and making decisions in emergency situations. Agencies with assigned responsibilities in the plan include state and local governments, federal agencies, Carolina Power and Light Co. and the Wilmington Area Emergency Broadcast System.

A simulated nuclear accident scenario will test major elements of the plan from initial notification through assessment, protective actions and recovery. The exercise will be followed by a public critique and a public meeting.

The Division of Emergency Management of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is the coordinating agency for the exercise.

Home Folks

Marvin McClam, president and general manager of FCX, Inc., Raleigh, has been named a recipient of Clemson University's Distinguished Service Award . . . High school students from Alexander, Durham and Lee Counties were named winners of the top awards at the 17th Annual Resource Conservation Workshop at N.C. State University. They were **William E. Mitchell** of Alexander County, first place; **Stephen Allen Weatherly** of Durham County, second place; and **Joseph Hugh West** of Lee County, third place. All three received savings bonds and Mitchell also received a \$250 scholarship. . . . **Aycock Brown**, who has spent many years promoting North Carolina's Outer Banks, was presented with the Roanoke Island Historical Association's Distinguished Service Award at the opening of the 41st season of "The Lost Colony." . . . **Burr Webster**, administrator of the Boone Trail and Anderson Creek medical centers in Harnett County, has been elected president of the N.C. Primary Health Care Association. . . . **Marcia Anne Altwater**, a boilermaker foreman with H.B. Zachry Co., Roxboro, has been named North Carolina's Young Career Woman by the state Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. . . . **Lisa Dawne Coble**, who participated in one of the Smithsonian Institution seminars sponsored by the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives earlier this year, has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to Vassar College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Coble of Rt. 1, Swan Quarter. . . . **Doris Gosnell**, administrative assistant at Davidson EMC, Lexington, has been elected president of the North Carolina Jaycettes.

Q & A

The North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation

This voluntary, quasi-public corporation was established by the N.C. Utilities Commission in 1980 to develop alternative energy resources. In this two-part interview, Dr. Jon Veigel, its first executive director, examines the corporation's goals and aspirations.

Part I

Q What do you see as the objectives of the Alternative Energy Corporation?

A The reason the corporation was set up is that the state of North Carolina perceived that the potential within the state for the application of renewable resources and for energy efficiency was overwhelming and we really weren't taking maximum advantage of it for the benefit of the citizens of our state. So, they said, let's create a corporation whose major purpose is to shift the peak demand in electric use and moderate the growth in electric demand.

We're here to find solutions to either present or future problems, and to find better ways of doing things. We may find ways of doing things that will displace ways we're doing them now, not because it is a problem, but just because we can do it better.

We want to identify the energy need that we have and find out the best selection of technologies or techniques that will allow us to meet that need in a way that satisfies the people who are going to use it, and that's economically attractive, aesthetically appealing, or whatever their standard of value is. All we're asking is the chance for these technologies to compete on a head-to-head basis with the way we are typically doing things now.

Q How do people perceive the use of alternative energy resources at this point?

A I think right now, most people, if they think about renewable resources at all, have one thought in their heads. They've seen a solar collector on somebody's roof and they think, "Gee, those technologies are great, but they won't be ready until the 21st century." They're always ready somewhere out in the future, and isn't something we have to worry about

today. If you look at the amount of energy this society is already getting from alternative technologies, it's an absolutely mind-blowing number. The country as a whole gets somewhere between a half and two-thirds as much energy from burning wood as we get in total from nuclear power plants. These things are present realities—they are not pie-in-the-sky kinds of technologies.

They offer benefits that most people haven't begun to suspect. What you're after in energy is to have an energy service provided to you, without society paying any consequences that people are unwilling to accept. That's the standard upon which you ought to judge every energy technology. I think that people need to perceive that we are into a literal explosion in the increase in the choices people are going to have in the ways they meet their energy demands.

Q What alternative energy sources does North Carolina have that are feasible to use?

A This state is rich in energy resources. We don't have coal or mineral coal. We have no nuclear fuel in this state, and no oil or gas, but we've got lots of sunshine, and biomass, we've got lots of wood, peat and water, and all of those are resources that are



Dr. Jon Veigel, executive director of the N.C. Alternative Energy Corporation, came to the post after serving on the staff of the Solar Energy Research Institute in Golden, Colorado. He has a Ph.D in physical chemistry from UCLA and has worked with the State of California Energy Commission and the Office of Technical Assessment in Washington, D.C.

within the control of the people of this state. Harvesting and using these resources means that the money you pay for them is going to stay in the state.

Q What specific projects will your staff be working on during the next few years?

A In the industrial sector, we will be looking at co-generation, which is a very efficient way of using an energy resource because you use the energy not only to create electricity, but also to create hot water or steam for use elsewhere in your facility. We already have a menu of technologies, and we also have some financial and regulatory questions. What we would like to do is get to the point where corporations will make a commitment on their own, without asking the federal or state government for money.

Another example of an area we're going into is the issue of the use of energy by the public schools in North Carolina. They use about \$66 million a year for energy. Every dollar that goes into energy is a dollar that can't go to pay for a teacher or a school book. About \$43 million of that energy bill goes for electricity, and a good fraction of that energy use can be saved, if we're clever about the way we do things. The trouble is, if you're sitting there as principal of a high school, and I come to you and say, "Let's put in these load management programs," you don't see that it's to your school's advantage to do that because more than likely if you save \$100,000, you may lose it in your budget next year anyway.

Most of the decisions about the budgets for energy are made by county officials, so we need to show them how they can save a lot of money in the future by investing a little bit of money right now. And let's make it so that there really is a personal incentive for everybody in the chain to do something. Perhaps, for every \$100,000 the principal saves, he or she could get to use \$20,000 in the school program during the following year.

In addition, I expect we'll also be working with the private, non-profit groups like hospitals, orphanages, cultural facilities and so on, to help them be "energy smart." I expect we'll be working with communities to help them learn as a community how they can begin to decide their own energy future.

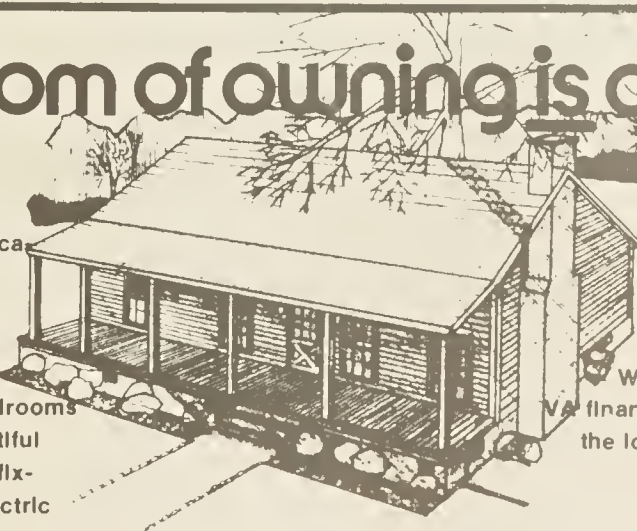
Q What do you think is the future of peat as an energy resource in North Carolina?

A I hope we're going to get something started in peat, but I'm leery of making any predictions, given my unfamiliarity with the resource. I think the questions that need to be answered are the environmental ones, and if they are settled, then the question is, what use of peat is going to have the highest economic value? If you can convert peat into a usable fuel that can be used in transportation, you have almost guaranteed that it's going to be more valuable to use it in that form than to use it for utility combustion. It's a higher grade of energy form as a transportable liquid fuel than as boiler fuel.

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COMMENTARY

Environment vs. Consumerism

Can the U.S. find a way to avoid a spineless compromise in which no one wins and everyone loses?

This essay was written by Dr. Margaret N. Maxey, assistant director of the South Carolina Energy Research Institute, who is a nationally-known author and lecturer on the ethics of energy. It examines many of the issues she addressed in a speech at the 1981 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization in March.

It is widely believed that finite energy sources, escalating environmental degradation, and the rising expectations of too many consumers are bound together in mortal conflict, and that the only resolution of this impasse will be some spineless compromise in which no one wins and everyone loses.

Before we accept the existence of such an impasse, let us question its underlying assumptions. Many have come to believe that the environmental quality of our planet is being rapidly and irreversibly destroyed by pollution from energy-intensive "hard" technologies, and our lives are increasingly endangered.

Has our world become dismally unsafe because of scientific advances

and "high" technological developments in industry, agriculture and medicine? Or rather have our levels of perception and rising expectations about "safety" been increased by mass communication and increased sophistication of scientific instrumentation that can now measure parts per million, parts per billion, even parts per trillion of elements that heretofore have remained undetected in our environment?

Majority Must Decide Controls

Not for a moment am I suggesting that there are not new hazards, or that we can be complacent, or that we should abandon attempts to control technology and teach industries better habits of efficient use of resources and waste management. But I am suggesting strongly that those professionals in education and in the media who are responsible for informing present and future citizens must meet ethical priorities for maximizing public health for the many—that is, for the working-class, the poor, the elderly, the vulnerable persons in our society—and not the vocal minority.

It is a widespread belief that there are only two kinds of "natural resources" in the environment—renewable and nonrenewable—and that the latter are finite, fixed, approaching exhaustion, while the former are being ignored by policy-makers. There is also a growing belief that a major cause of social injustice and inequity—that is, income disparities, unemployment, and involuntarily imposed health hazards—is attributable to the centralized, capital-intensive, high energy-conversion technologies.

The alleged causal association between natural resource exhaustion

and energy-intensive industrial technology should be examined by contrasting it with conditions in underdeveloped countries. Industrialized-technological societies are holding even in their renewable resources, and in some cases expanding them. In these countries farmers make the best use of remaining farm land because of advanced technologies that are energy-intensive.

Renewable Resources Not Benign

Moreover, the most talked about solar energy is not as "renewable" or environmentally benign as its proponents would have us believe.

Current technologies for solar heating use huge quantities of steel, concrete, aluminum, copper, plastic, and glass. The oil, coal and uranium required by current technology to build and operate solar systems far exceeds the recovered energy.

As Rene Dubos has pointed out, what we call "natural resources" are actually raw materials transformed by human genius. For example, aluminum has always been on earth but it did not become a resource until this century when the technology for chemical separation was developed. Energy-intensive technology is thus an amplification of our natural resources—whether interpreted as renewable or non-renewable—rather than their depletion.

No one disputes the appropriateness of conservation, understood as greater efficiency in the use of energy or 'doing more with less.' But conservation happens to be an option for those who can trim off the fat from patterns of consumption. No clamoring for "doing without energy" is heard from blacks and other minorities, or from the poor, the elderly, the retirees, the marginal people for whom self-denial is a steady, grinding way of life.

Positive Alternatives Needed

An energy policy is pursuing a mirage if and when it places major dependence upon conservation as a punitive alternative which would excuse its advocates from producing positive alternatives. The only value meaning for a policy of conservation is one which can increase the productivity quotient of a given amount of energy.

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EMCs' Power Costs Rising

18 CP&L-Served Co-ops To Pay 16.3% More

The 18 North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations which buy power from Carolina Power and Light Company will pay 16.3 percent more for that electricity under new wholesale rate schedules proposed by the power company.

The new rates, which would cost the

EMCs' about \$14.7 million a year in additional power charges, were filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in June.

Barring a temporary suspension by the federal agency, the rates are to become effective Aug. 11.

Officials of N.C. EMC, the power

supply arm of the EMCs' statewide organization, are seeking a five-month suspension of the rates as well as an overall rate reduction.

Under normal procedures, wholesale rates are allowed to go into effect under bond and subject to refund if the FERC later rules that the rates are too high.

The EMCs affected by the new rates are: Brunswick, Shallotte; Central, Sanford; French Broad, Marshall; Harker's Island; Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; Pitt & Greene, Farmville; South River, Dunn; Tri-County, Goldsboro; Carteret-Craven, Morehead City; Four County, Burgaw; Halifax, Enfield; Haywood, Waynesville; Lumbee River, Red Springs; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Randolph, Asheboro; Tideland, Pantego and Wake, Wake Forest.

Duke-Served Co-ops Face 16.8% Hike

The ten North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations which buy power from Duke Power Company will pay more for that energy beginning Oct. 18, if a proposed new wholesale rate schedule takes effect according to Duke's wishes.

The new rates will boost the EMCs' cost of power by 16.8 percent or \$18.1 million a year.

The proposed schedules were filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in June, and are expected to go into effect Oct. 18 under bond and subject to refund pending an FERC review. If the agency later decides that the rates are too high, the excessive charges would be returned to the co-ops.

The EMCs affected by the new rates are: Blue Ridge, Lenoir; Crescent, Statesville; Davidson, Lexington; Haywood, Waynesville; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Rutherford, Forest City; Surry-Yadkin, Dobson; Union, Monroe and Wake, Wake Forest.

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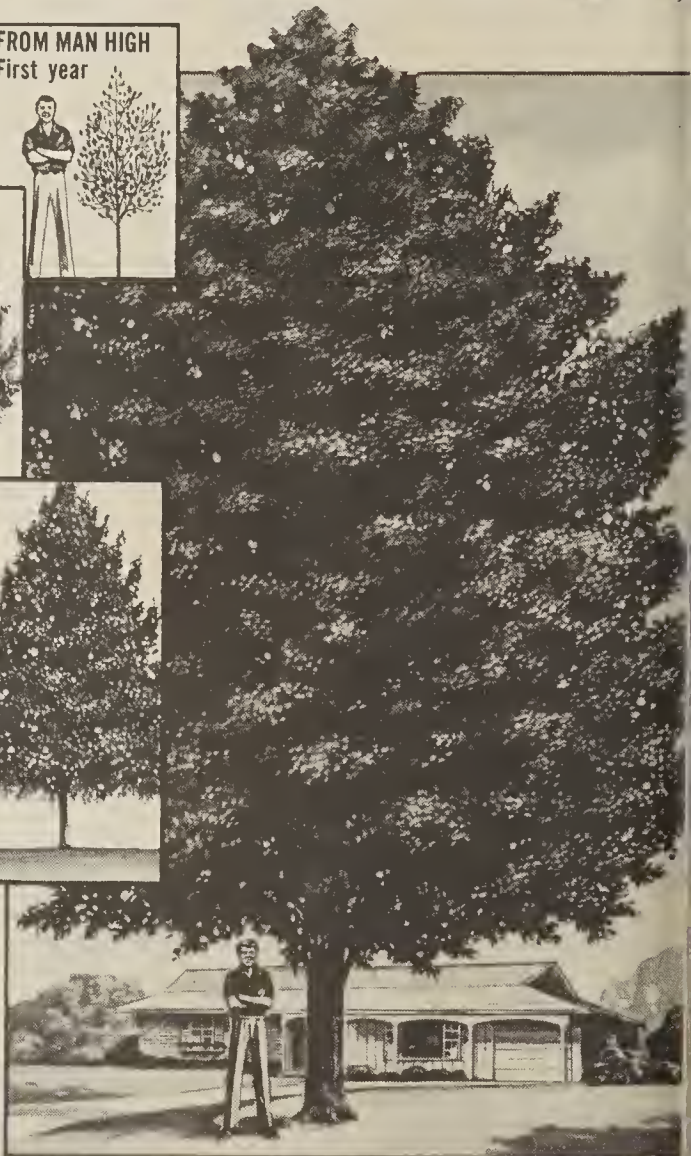
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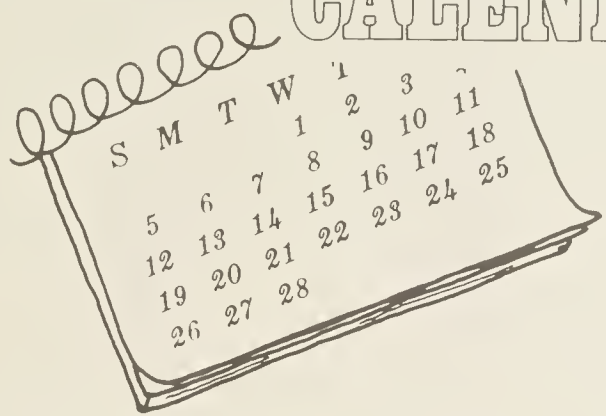
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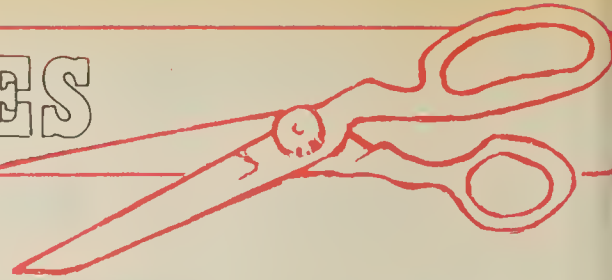
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Mrs. Lib Livengood of Lexington is now in her eighth summer of pickling; in fact, it has become her summer pastime. "I am now being asked for my recipes, and have even been asked to sell some of them," she writes, "so in the hopes of helping some novice whose mouth is watering for 'good ole pickles,' and mine aren't the kind mother used to make, here are some of my recipes."

SQUASH PICKLES

1 gallon squash	2 Tbl. mustard seed
1 doz. small, white onions	12 cloves (optional)
½ C. salt	½ Tbl. tumeric
4 C. sugar	2 qts. white vinegar
1 tsp. celery seed	

Slice onions and squash thin and mix with salt. Cover with four cups cracked ice for three hours. Drain and spread sugar and spices on top. Pour vinegar, enough to cover vegetables. Heat all this to boil, cut off heat. Pack jars hot and pour hot solution and seal.

BIG SISTER'S DILL RECIPE

Bring the following ingredients to boil:

1 qt. white vinegar
2 qts. water
1 C. salt

Add 1 Tbl. dill seed per quart jar. Pack clean cukes with both ends sliced off in quart jars. Pour plain boiling water over cukes and set five minutes. Pour down drain the plain water, replace with boiling mixture, seal and process five minutes in boiling bath.

PICKLED OKRA

1 small onion in each of six pint jars	Enough okra to pack six pint jars
1 pod hot pepper in each jar	1 tsp. dill seed in each jar (or one head of fresh dill in each)

Boil the following and simmer five minutes:

1 qt. white vinegar	½ C. salt
1 C. water	6 tsp. sugar

Pour boiling solution over okra, seal and process jars in boiling bath for 10 minutes. Delicious!

PLAIN SALT PICKLES

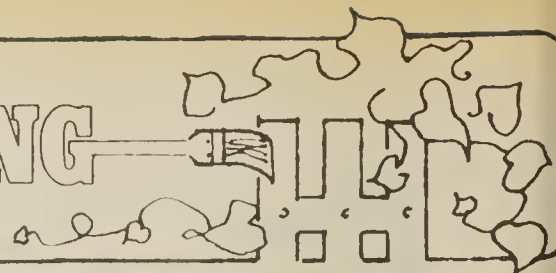
1 qt. white vinegar	1 tsp. sugar to each qt. jar
1 qt. water	1 pod hot pepper to each qt. jar if desired
1 tsp. salt to each qt. jar	

Place cukes (ends snipped off) in boiling solution, no more than two minutes. Pack hot and pour solution over. Seal.

Following is a list of 13 "pickling hints" offered to would-be pickle enthusiasts from Mrs. Livengood who compiled them "from experience!":

1. Scrub all cukes, squash, etc., with clean water and clean dish cloth.
2. Trim off both ends of vegetable thinly. (Blossom end can cause soft pickles.)
3. Use white vinegar for pickling—almost always gives best results for beginners.
4. For most recipes to pickle use one pint vinegar to two parts equal water (except salt pickles).
5. Saccharin tablets can be used instead of sugar.
6. Salt can be eliminated entirely—increase vinegar.
7. Cukes and okra should change color by the end of the pickling day (to darker green). If still fresh green looking, re-process in boiling bath water for five minutes.
8. Buy a bag of pickling lime at grocer's to try new recipes.
9. Taste your pickling solution while hot.
10. Buy a package of Mrs. Wages or Pilgrim Farms "Instant Dill Mixes" at grocer's.
11. After you've tried a new recipe, write on it how you liked it for next year.
12. When you feel confident (2nd or 3rd year), add or leave out or substitute your own spice ideas (mustard, garlic, etc.).
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This recipe for old fashioned vanilla ice cream—and the sauces below—were borrowed from a collection of recipes prepared by Nadine F. Tope, food preservation specialist with the U.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Lemon Ice (With Banana)

1 tsp. unflavored gelatin
1 Tbl. cold water
1 C. water
1 banana
1 C. sugar
1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
3 C. lemon juice
1/2 grains salt

Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine remaining water and sugar; boil 10 minutes. Add lemon rind and gelatin, stir until dissolved. Cool. Combine with lemon juice and salt. Drain. Add mashed banana to the mixture (optional). Put mixture in freezer can and place in freezer. Mix every 10 to 15 minutes until well-mixed, then freeze completely.

Directions for Freezing Ice Cream

1. Make sure all parts of the freezer fit and are in working order.
2. Wash and rinse freezer can, dasher and lid.
3. Pour mixture into freezer can. Do not fill more than 2/3 to 3/4 full.
4. Adjust dasher and lid and place in freezer bucket.
5. Adjust crank before adding ice and ice cream salt.
6. Use 1 part salt to 8 parts ice by weight (1/4 cup salt per quart of crushed ice) for ice cream. For ices and sherbets, use 1 part salt to 6 parts ice by weight (1/3 cup salt per quart of crushed ice.)
7. Fill freezer 1/3 full with ice before adding any salt. Then add salt and ice in layers. Add salt and ice in recommended proportions.
8. Have ice and salt slightly higher than the level of the mix in the freezer can.
9. Freeze in hand-turned or electric freezer. When ice cream is frozen, tip freezer to drain off water. Remove dasher and pack down the frozen mixture. Do not remove metal can from the brine.
10. Cover the can with a sheet of wax paper. Replace cover, cover the dasher opening with a cork or piece of tin foil.
11. Repack with a mixture of 4 parts crushed ice to 1 part ice cream salt.
12. Cover with paper or heavy cloth. Let stand 1-1/2 to 2 hours to ripen.

Peach Ice Cream

1 1/2 C. sugar
scant Tbl. flour
3 eggs, separated
1 1/2 C. evaporated milk
3 C. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
dash salt
8 peaches, cut up

Stir flour and sugar. Beat egg yolks until light. Add yolks, milk, vanilla and salt to flour and sugar. Stir. Fold in heavily beaten egg whites. Add fruit and freeze in ice cream freezer. A package of frozen strawberries can be substituted for the peaches.

Hot Fudge Sauce

1/4 C. butter
7 Tbl. cocoa
3/4 C. sugar
1 small can evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Melt butter in saucepan. Add remaining ingredients, mix thoroughly. Bring quickly to a boil stirring constantly. Serve warm. Note: this recipe works well in microwave. Cook on high power. 2-3 minutes to boil.

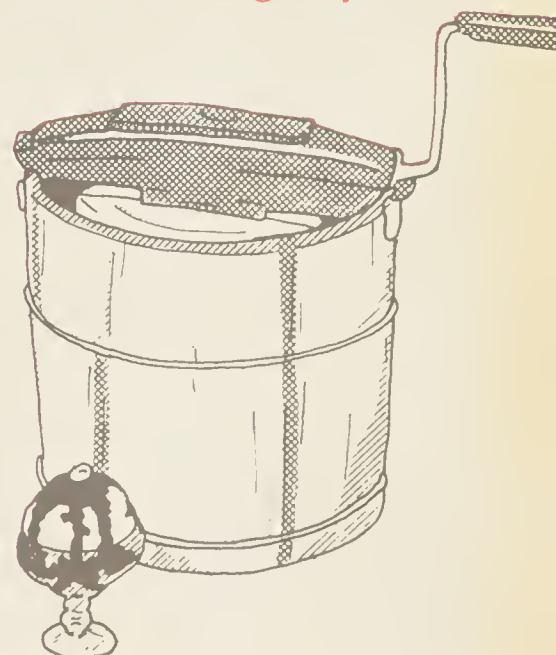
Butterscotch Sauce

1 Tbl. cornstarch
1-1/4 C. light brown sugar (packed)
1/2 C. half-and-half
2 Tbl. light corn syrup
1/8 tsp. salt
1/4 C. butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Mix together the cornstarch and sugar. Stir in half-and-half, corn syrup and salt. Add butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring until thickened and sugar is dissolved. Add vanilla and stir until smooth. Serve warm or cold.

Yum!

**Homemade ice cream—
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with the heat of
summer's "dog days".**



"Festival of the Frescoes" Set At Ashe County Church

Country music star George Hamilton IV will help celebrate the first anniversary of the completion of "The Last Supper" fresco at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Glendale Springs Saturday, August 15.

The all-day affair, which is being billed as the "Festival of the Frescoes," begins with a crafts bazaar, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A chicken barbecue will also begin at 10 a.m. and will last into the evening.

A lakeside concert by North Carolina native Hamilton will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Raccoon Holler Campground near the church, and participants should bring lawn chairs. Tickets—priced at \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under—may be obtained by contacting Father J. Faulton Hodge, P.O. Box 5, Glendale Springs, N.C. 28629, or by purchasing them at the church August 15.

Hamilton's son, Chip, and his rock band, Hege and the Heart Attackers, will play for a young people's dance at the pavilion after the concert.

The "Last Supper" fresco was

painted during the summer of 1980 by master fresco painter Ben Long, a native of Statesville who now resides in Florence, Italy. While working on the masterpiece, he also taught a class of about 20 students in the art of fresco painting, and the results of their work are also on display at Holy Trinity.

Hamilton has performed benefit concerts annually for several years in Ashe County to support St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the first Ashe County church in which Long painted three frescoes in the mid-1970s. The land on which the church was constructed in 1905 was originally owned by the Hamilton family.


Hamilton, whose first big hit in the 1950s was "A Rose and a Baby Ruth," became a Grand Ole Opry star and is currently one of the biggest recording stars in Europe. He recently completed the longest concert tour in country music history, playing in 61 cities and towns in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, from January to May. He is celebrating his 25th year in country music.

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The Polio Summer

At the library yesterday, I noticed the list of this year's Summer Reading Club members. I almost looked to see if my name was on it. For many years it was . . . every year. With dozens of check marks and gold stars, each star representing books read.

The year my certificate had the most gold stars was the summer of 1947, the summer of the polio quarantine.

That was the summer of no Bible school, no swimming pool, no birthday parties, no picnic, no church, no visiting, nothing.

My husband loves to remember how he and his sister got to stay home while their parents went to church. He was not a Sunday school scholar and he found playing hoky legally was a delight.

That summer, no child could go outside his own yard or be in public places or with children other than their immediate family.

That was the time I liked my brothers better than before. And

stopped envying only children.

If I had to stay home at least I had someone to play with, argue with, fight with, gripe with.

After a battle, mother always told us how terrible we'd feel if one of us got polio. That we'd be sorry we'd not been nicer, kinder, sweeter to each other. Her threats worked well most of the time. Plus she could back it up with reports brought home from women's club and church or phone conversations with friends, neighbors: So and so's little girl, someone we knew, had been struck with that giant germ that seemed to be riding our land. How awful!

We hung on reports daily of their condition. Hospitalized. Iron lung. Partially paralyzed. We played more quietly than ever, discussed such things as not being able to run or play sports in leg braces, or not being able to talk or do things with your hands.

We tested ourselves a dozen times a day. What were the symptoms? Fevers? Sore throats? At our request,

Mama looked down our throats many times a day, put her cool hand on our foreheads. We were so hot and it just couldn't be all from the July weather. Cool drinks helped and comic books, games but for me the most help of all was library books.

I read the "Green Fairy Book," "The Blue Fairy Book," "The Red Fairy Book," "The Brown Fairy Book," and everything else the library had in my section twice or more.

Mother walked 20 blocks, sometimes bringing back two armloads of books, plus other things. I would stand, bare toes curled around the curb, leaning as far as I could without falling toward the direction she would appear. I stood with my arms outstretched as she reached me, my mind anticipating adventure, escape, entertainment, wonder and excitement. Worlds I could leap into from my own narrowed one.

When she handed me the books, I'd read the titles over quickly, groan that I'd read this one and this one and this one and none of the others looked good at all. Wasn't there anything else on the shelves?

And my tired, patient mother would sigh and say that no matter what books she brought me each week, or twice a week, they weren't the ones I wanted.

What I really wanted, she couldn't bring. I wanted to be allowed to go to the library myself.

To me, the library was that cool, dark, mysterious place where everyone sat reading seriously, that place where the squeak of a chair, or my sandals flapping loud across the floor, or dropping a book (Heaven forbid!) was unforgivable.

It was the place I wanted to go most and couldn't.

I've been making up for it ever since. And I still keep a reading list, summer and winter.

The girl I knew who had polio that summer recovered. She wore leg braces for awhile, but came to school and we helped her up and down stairs until she was able to walk without them at all. She was lucky. My brothers and I were lucky.

When the Salk Vaccine was available, I lined up for shots, later sugar cubes. My children had their shots at the appropriate ages.

I wanted them to never know the fear that held us that summer . . . the summer made bearable only by books.

—Ruth Moose



GLIMPSES: Youth Tour '81



BELOW - A group of 30 high school students from across the state participated in the 1981 North Carolina Youth Tour sponsored by the state's Electric Membership Corporations. They posed for this group portrait while visiting the U.S. Capitol. FAR LEFT - North Carolina native Elizabeth Hanford Dole, the president's Liaison for Public Affairs, addressed the 900 Youth Tourists from across the country on the South Lawn



of the White House. LEFT Before traveling to Washington, the Tar Heel group assembled in Raleigh for a presentation on how the EMCs operate. Addressing the group is David Williams, executive assistant with the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.



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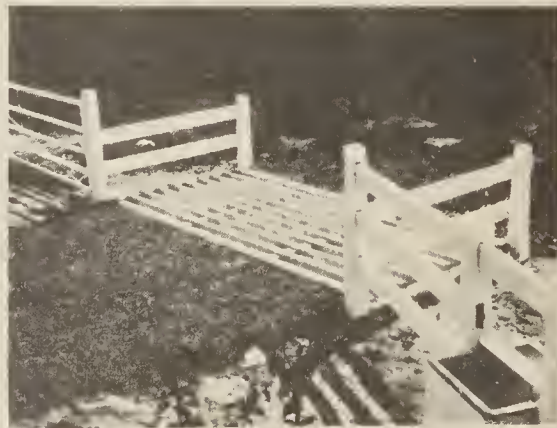
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The cards attached to the roses had identical messages:

"We care about EMC. We love the ladies out front who listen to all Four County's electric people. We care about them. Thanks for the hospitality and thank you for serving our community so well."

Mrs. Smith said Johnson told them "that whatever mood he was in, he always left in a better mood after talking to us. It made us feel we had really accomplished something. We get a lot of thank-yous, and we appreciate it, but nobody has ever done anything like this."

Hayman Book Reprinted

Carol Bessent Hayman of Swansboro must have been paying attention when I wrote in this space about how much I love books. She sent me a few copies of a new edition of *These Lovely Days*, a collection of her poems, essays and inspirational pieces.

The book was originally published in 1971, but had been out of print until this edition was prepared earlier this year.

Mrs. Hayman, whose writing has appeared in *Carolina Country* on several occasions, says the \$5.95 book is available in some bookstores, but may also be ordered from her at 220 Club Point Drive, Cape Carteret, Swansboro, N.C. 28584.

The Pot Calleth The Kettle Black

When the July Fourth holiday came along, I found myself with no excuse for further procrastination on a home improvement project we'd had on the back burner for awhile.

As is my wont in such situations, I had a TV playing to keep from being bored silly amid the paint cans, turpentine and wallpaper paste. In half-watching, half-listening to the multiple miseries of a mythical medical center on one of the soaps, a line of dialogue struck me as a bit of pluperfect gall or pure playfulness on the part of the script writer. Either way, I could just imagine his chuckling away at that moment, thinking he pulled something over on the soaper's unsuspecting audience.

In the scene, a doctor presented himself to the clerk in a book store and asked for help in selecting a book for his wife. She wanted a novel, "something light and trivial to pass the time," he told the clerk.

"That shouldn't be difficult," she replied, "that seems to be about all they're writing these days."

The pot calleth the kettle black!

Wipe that smirk off your face, Mr. Script Writer, for we've found you out!

The Emperor's New Uniform

Cadet Edgar Allan Poe was discharged from West Point in 1831 for "gross neglect of duty." A widely repeated story, according to the book *Military Customs and Traditions* by Major Mark Boatner III, was that when parade uniform was announced as "white belts and gloves, under arms," the poetic Poe showed up stark naked except for white belt, gloves and rifle.

Oops!

When we ran those energy conservation poems from Mary Mintz's English students at Hallsboro High School, we rudely transported the school and its community to Surry County. It's actually in Columbus County.

In looking it up in the *North Carolina Gazetteer*, we picked up the location of *Hallsborough*, a community which was authorized to be laid out in Surry County but never developed. We failed to read that description.

We're indebted to Susan Prescott Little of Raleigh, who wrote to kindly point out the error. She said the "very meticulous and excellent teacher, Mary Mintz, would welcome the chance to educate anyone on the location of Hallsboro and indeed the heritage of the area by providing subscription information on *Kin'lin'*, a publication of Hallsboro High School. Mary serves as faculty sponsor and the publication is a real product of the community.

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More "Media-Age" Rhymes

Ironically enough, we also have a note from an authentic Surry County teacher whose students had written rhymes inspired by the "media-age" Mother Goose item we ran a few months back.

Nancy D. Downs, a teacher of the gifted and talented at Pilot Mountain Elementary School in Pilot Mountain said the item gave her this "interesting teaching idea."

Here are a couple of the rhymes, both written by fourth graders: Jason Simmons' "Simple Simon"—Simple Simon/Met a pieman/Going to the fair/

Said Simple Simon/ To the pie man,/ "Let me taste your ware!"/ When Simple Sie/ Ate the pie/ He moaned and groaned with grief./ Said the pieman/ To Simple Simon/ "Rolands Spells relief."

Brad Konkle's "Georgey Porgey"—Georgey Porgey pudding and pie/ Kissed the girls and made them cry/ While they were crying/ They said, "Oh, dear,/ You must have been drinking/ Some Budweiser beer."

P.S. You might be interested to know that ye olde *Gazetteer* lists no fewer than *eight* Pilot Mountains in the state, but only one of them refers to the Surry County mountain and its namesake town. The others, all mountains, are on the Burke-McDowell County line, and in Caldwell, Henderson, Jackson, Randolph, Wilkes and Transylvania Counties.

—Owen Bisho

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